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— Saldai S. Duraisamy
Mayor

SHORT TAKES

Bank staff robbed of ₹27L by 5 men

Vellore: Two Indian Bank staff were robbed of ₹27 lakh by five unidentified men who followed them on a motorbike on Saturday morning near here. According to the taluk police, Pradeep and Lokesh, the two officers belonging to Indian Bank, Minnal branch, had withdrawn ₹27 lakh from Karur Vysya Bank, Salai branch, on Saturday morning. They were headed towards their bank on a motorbike with the cash inside a box. Five unidentified men, wearing helmets, followed them on three motorbikes. They intercepted the bank staff and pushed them on to a thorny bush near Neelakantapuram, before snatching the cash box from them. The two officers, who suffered minor injuries, filed a complaint with taluk police inspector Durai Pandiyan. A case has been registered and further investigations are on.

■ Cops allegedly raped her to get confession

Lady doc to probe custodial torture

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In a humane response to a petition alleging custodial torture of a middle-aged woman, the Madras high court has ordered comprehensive medical examination and treatment for the victim, presently housed in Coimbatore central prison on allegedly trumped up charge of murder, and submission of a report to the court on September 3.

Hearing the petition from Ms P. Rajakumari, daughter of the ‘victim’ Chitra (name changed) accusing the police of Uduimalpet station of subjecting her 49-year-old mother to ‘rape’ and ‘third-degree torture’ to extract confession that she had killed her woman house-owner, Justice V. Ramasubramanian said since “serious allegations” were made, he was directing the Principal District Judge, Coimbatore, to get the ‘victim’ medically examined and provided treatment if necessary, after which the PDJ should submit his report to the high court on September 3.

The PDJ should take the assistance of a female medical officer working in a government hospital for examining the victim and also arrange for “necessary treatment at a hospital which is fairly reasonable and good”, Justice



Ramasubramanian said in his order on Tuesday last.

Petitioner Rajakumari said her mother, living alone at Uduimalpet and working for daily wages in a small hotel—since she was taking care of her ailing father at her place in Madurai—had phoned her on August 10 and said her house-owner Leelavathy had been murdered. She also said the police were “unnecessarily enquiring her” whether she was involved in the crime. She told her that the police dog brought to the scene of murder had gone straight to an auto-stand nearby. She also told her that about a month ago, she found an auto-driver sitting inside her house when she returned from work and he left only after some other auto-drivers scolded him.

A policewoman then came on the line and assured her there was no need for the family to rush to Uduimalpet because the police were “only giving protection” to her mother and there

● 49-year-old woman's daughter alleges her mom was hung upside down naked but for an inner garment and injected needle in her nails and other parts

● Cops alleged to have inserted lathi into her private parts

was nothing to worry. But it turned out that subsequently, they slapped a murder charge on her mother and locked her up in jail. Bigger shock awaited her when she visited the prison on August 18 and 19 and found her mother traumatised as she narrated the terrible torture she had been subjected to in the Uduimalpet police station.

Her mother said there were seven police personnel who repeatedly beat her after hanging her upside down naked but for an inner garment and injected needle in her nails and other parts. The cops also inserted lathi into her private parts. She was also threatened that she would be fed alcohol and her photographs sleeping with two men would be printed in newspapers and a brothel case foisted.

“At the height of unbearable torture, the police obtained confession from my mother”, Rajakumari told the HC in her petition seeking judicial probe into her mother's custodial rape and violence.



அவனியே வியந்து போற்றும் அம்மா எனும் அரிய வேதமே ! ஆயிரமாயிரம் வாகைகளை அன்றாடம் சூடுகிற காவியப் பரணியே ! எழுபத்திரெண்டில் உதித்த எஃகு பேரியக்கத்திற்கு எழாம் முறையாக யரிவடம் சூடுகிற எங்கள் பைந்தமிழோ !

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STREE SURAKSHA



An awareness rally was organised as part of ‘Stree Suraksha’ project to create awareness on acid attacks and similar crimes against women. Three acid attack victims joined the rally on Saturday jointly organised by Rotaract Club of Women's Christian College and Survival Instincts, an authorised provider of health and safety training programmes. The initiative will involve training more than 3,000 school and college girls on how to encounter a situation where they are attacked.

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Status quo ordered for 15 institutions

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The Madras high court ordered maintenance of status quo by both parties in respect of the buildings of 15 educational institutions in Dharmapuri district.

A division bench, comprising justices N. Paul Vasanthakumar and K. Ravichandrababu, disposed of a batch of petitions from Jayam Polytechnic College and 14 other colleges, challenging the notices issued by the deputy director of town and country planning, calling upon the colleges to apply for approval from the competent authority under the Town and Country Planning Act, failing which the buildings will be locked and sealed.

Senior counsel K. Doraisami and advocate K. Selvaraj submitted that the petitioners had approved plans granted by the competent authority/local body and based on this, the buildings were constructed prior to 2010. While so, they received the communication from the deputy director of town and country planning.

The state government had enacted the TN Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Act 2010, inserting section 47-A, as per which it was mandatory for the local authority to obtain prior concurrence of the director of town and country planning before according

Dharmapuri colleges

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building permission.

The buildings of the petitioners were constructed before this section came into force, and, therefore, the petitioners had no obligation to comply with the provisions of section 47-A, they added. The bench said it was open to the petitioners to submit their objections about the impugned orders.

The deputy directors of town and country planning were directed to get a clarification from the commissioner/director of town and country planning, to take further action in the matter. After receiving this, the deputy directors of town and country planning of the respective region were directed to pass speaking orders in accordance with law within four weeks.

The petitioners were permitted to submit their objections within one week. Till fresh orders were passed by the deputy directors of the respective region, status quo as on today, in respect of the buildings of the petitioners, shall be maintained by both parties, the bench added.



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